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Response to Editors’ Comments:

1. **Page 3** - Please delete the keywords.

   The keywords have been deleted from the manuscript as required.

2. **Introduction** - Please rename this section Background.

   As required, this section has been renamed as ‘Background’.

3. **Materials & Methods** - Please rename this section ‘Methods’.

   As required, this section has been renamed as ‘Methods’.

4. **Conflict of interest** - Please rename this section Competing interests. If there are none to declare, please write ‘The authors declare that they have no competing interests’.

   The changes have been made as required.

5. **Ethical considerations** - Please include this information under the Methods section and remove the section after the Competing interests.

   The Methods section already contains this information in paragraph 4. The section after competing interests has been removed as required.

Response to Reviewers Comments:

1. From methodological point of view would be very important to describe briefly the term "convenience sampling". (Mr. Tibor Baska).

   As suggested, the term 'convenience sampling' has been further elaborated in the second paragraph of the methods section as follows:

   Convenience sampling was used by getting the questionnaires filled during regular college hours from students at four locations in the medical college – the lecture halls, laboratories, library and canteen. Questionnaires were filled on consecutive days until the required sample size was achieved.